

Chinese Public Views on Mission China Visa Processes



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| Project Title | Chinese Public Views on Mission China Visa Processes |
| Project Summary | The Department of State is seeking interested, capable applicants who can read Chinese to review public blogs and postings and write a report on the opinion of Chinese citizens interested in traveling or immigrating to the U.S. |
| Country | China |
| Agency | Department of State |
| DoS Office | N/A |
| Post | CHENGDU |
| Section | CONS |
| Number of Interns | 4 |

Project Description

Research will be done online in any publicly available media. The ability to read conversational level simplified Chinese characters is necessary, but it is permissible to use study aids and dictionaries. The final work product is a report and supporting annex describing your findings. Among the materials provided will be instructions on how to format a formal, front channel cable in the Department of State—an essential skill for many U.S. diplomats. This is a terrific opportunity to gain experience in the formal writing style used within the Department, but, just to be clear, selected students will be following the format of a cable in their reports, but will not be writing a cable that will be disseminated through formal channels.

Desired Skills Interests

Additional Information

The U.S. Embassy and Consulates in China receive millions of applications from Chinese citizens interested in traveling or immigrating to the United States. Chinese citizens have a vibrant online presence where netizens discuss a wide range of experiences, including their visa applications and interviews for U.S. travel. The

Department of State is seeking interested, capable applicants who can read Chinese to review public blogs and postings to see what our applicants are saying about the visa process and us! The goal is to increase our understanding of Chinese perceptions of the visa process to improve our customer service and public outreach. You will write a report in the style of a State Department cable and learn about U.S. immigration law and Mission China.

You will be working as part of a group conducting individualized research in this field. Depending on the number of successful applicants accepted onto the project, you may be asked to focus on a particular visa category or sub topic. Those accepted onto the project will be given some background information to help them get started on their research, but must be self-motivated and self-directed in their work.

Language Requirements

None